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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date.

Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language, except French Patents 2,757,947 and 2,757,957. British equivalent Patent Nos. 2,322,948 and 2,322,949 are being submitted herewith.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language version or translation of the foreign patent office report citing the documents.

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